(xii) Promotion of Sports in Universities and Colleges,

(xiii) National Sports Championship for Women, (xiv)

Grants for Installation of Synthetic Surfaces, (xv)

National Sports Development Fund.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Viable proposals received from the Non-Governmental Organisations, State Govemments/UT Administrations etc. under the relevant schemes were considered on merit and admissible assistance as per the norms sanctioned against each proposal.

Sports facilities for rural and hilly areas

†3865. DR. A. K. PATEL :Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that better sports facilities are not available for the persons living in rural and hilly areas of the country ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate new schemes to promote sports in the said regions ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : (a) to (c) "Sports" is a State subject and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to create sports facilities at various places, including hilly and rural areas, to promote sports at all levels. However, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this direction, Central assistance is provided to the State Governments/Municipal corporations/schools etc. for creation of various sports facilities under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure, subject to the receipt of viable proposals from the States. For construction of sports projects in hilly areas, Central assistance is provided on 75:25 basis between the Central Government and the State Government against 50:50 basis for other areas. Similarly, under the scheme of "Grants to Rural

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Schools for development of playfield and purchase of sports equipments", Central assistance upto a maximum Rs. 1.50 lakh is provided without any matching share to encourage creation of sports facilities/purchase of sports equipment in Schools situated in rural hilly areas.

2. Under Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme of the Sports Authority of India, SAG centres are opened with the primary objective of scouting and nurturing natural talent from inaccessible tribal/coastal/hilly/rural areas of the country. The selected young players are groomed for achieving excellence in particular sports disciplines.

Goa, Daman and Diu Shooting Association

3866. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any Association called Goa, Daman and Diu Shooting Association in Goa;

(b) if so, how many State Level Championships have been conducted by this Association, during the last five years;

(c) whether the National Rifle Association of India has taken any action for derecognition for failure to organize these events; and

(d) whether there is any other State Association in Goa, recognized by State Olympic Association and State Government, seeking recognition and what is its status ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : (a) As per information received from the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), there in Goa, Daman and Diu Shooting Association in Goa.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected from NRAI and will be laid on the Table of the House.